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In re Application of:)
Kupferschmid et al.)
Application No.: 10/055,795)
Filed: January 22, 2002)
For: SURGICAL, TUBULAR-SHAFTED INSTRUMENT)

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Dear Sir:

Applicants received an official Filing Receipt for the patent application referenced above.

Applicants would like the following correction(s) to be made on the Filing Receipt:

(1) Correct the filing date of the PCT application from "01/30/2000" to the correct filing date of:

-- 06/30/2000 --

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney form, mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 7, 2002, noting the filing date of the PCT application.
- Copy of the Patent Application Data Entry form mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 22, 2002 with the PCT application filing date highlighted.
- Copy of the Filing Receipt, with the requested correction(s) noted thereon.

Applicants respectfully request that the official records for the above application be changed to reflect the above correction(s), and that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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Title

Surgical, tubular-shafted instrument

Preliminary Class

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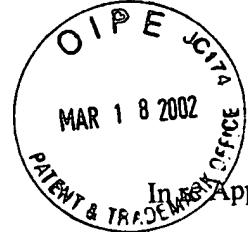
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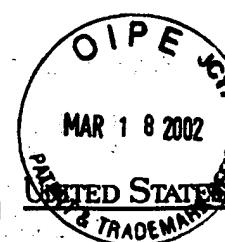
Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in the above-referenced U.S. patent application:

[x] A check in the amount of \$1,162 to cover the total filing fee (\$992); the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) (\$130); and the Assignment recordal fee (\$40);

Basic Fee -							\$ 740.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (270.00)							
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EXTRA CLAIMS	Total Claims	34	20	14	x	\$ 18.	= \$ 252.00
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[x] Return receipt postage prepaid postcard;
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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$252.
 - \$252 for 14 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1122.**

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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